

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
Application Number: 10/795,977
Attorney Docket Number: Q80411

REMARKS

Claims 22-55 are all the claims pending in the application. The specification has been amended to add a section entitled --Brief Description of the Drawings--. The amendment is supported in the specification, such as on page 55. Further, Claim 50 has been amended to correct a minor typographical error. Therefore, no new matter has been added.

Claims 22-55 have been rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-15 of U.S. Patent No. 5,705,583.

In response, Applicants are submitting herewith a terminal disclaimer with respect to U.S. Patent No. 5,705,583. The filing of the terminal disclaimer is not an admission of the propriety of the rejection, and raises neither a presumption nor estoppel on the merits of the rejection. MPEP § 804.02. Withdrawal of the double patenting rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 50 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph for allegedly being indefinite.

The Examiner asserts that Claim 50 incorrectly depends from Claim 46, because Claim 50 is drawn to a polymer and Claim 46 is drawn to a process. Claim 50 is presently drawn to a process. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Additionally, the Examiner asserts that the specification should contain "Brief Description of the Drawings." The specification as presently amended contains a section entitled "Brief Description of the Drawings" before the "on page 7.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.


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